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Dear Mr. Belin:

I am about to enter my sophomore year at college and, for the past four years, have been working on a personal research project on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Recently, in the National Archives, I found a memorandum dated April 15, 1964, from Mr. J. Lee Rankin to all members of the Commission's staff. A copy of that memorandum is enclosed for your convenience. The Warren Report lists you as a member of the staff, and I believe you worked in the very interesting field of Oswald's guilt.

As you can see from the memorandum, Mr. Rankin requested each of the staff lawyers to write a minor history of their involvement with the Commission before leaving. The Archives tells me no copies of the "histories" supposedly written by each staff member are in the Commission's files.

Thus, the purpose of my writing is to ask if you have a copy of the "history" you wrote pursuant to Mr. Rankin's request which you could make available to me for my research.

I do not intend to publish this, or anything of that nature. I am merely interested in learning more about the workings of the staff, and since the Archives cannot help me, I must turn to the staff members themselves.

If you could help me on this matter, I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely,

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